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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 5987th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Somalia

Morning[1] . . . . . 5988th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Guinea-Bissau

Report of the Secretary-General on developments in Guinea-Bissau and on the activities of the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office in that country (S/2008/628)

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 5987th meeting.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 81 to 96): *item 81* (A/63/97 and A/63/97/Add.1); *item 82*; *item 83* (A/63/62-S/2008/123); *item 84*; *item 85* (A/63/139); *item 86* (A/63/115 (Part I) and A/63/115 (Part I)/Add.1[1]); *item 87*; *item 88*; *item 89* (A/63/73-S/2008/297, A/63/91, A/63/114, A/63/114/Add.1, A/63/116, A/63/117, A/63/117/Add.1, A/63/120, A/63/120/Add.1, A/63/122, A/63/126, A/63/134, A/63/135, A/63/136, A/63/136/Add.1, A/63/153, A/63/158, A/63/158/Add.1, A/63/170, A/63/170/Add.1, A/63/171, A/63/171/Add.1, A/63/176, A/63/182 and A/63/261); *item 90* (A/63/129, A/63/157, A/63/162, A/63/163, A/63/164 and A/63/178); *item 91* (A/63/27 (Supp. 27)[1], A/63/42 (Supp.42)*, A/63/177 and A/63/279); *item 92* (A/63/115 (Part II))[1]; *item 93*; *item 94* (A/63/138); *item 95* (A/63/124); and *item 96*

[1] To be issued.

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[Other documents: A/C.1/63/1, A/C.1/63/2 and A/C.1/63/INF/1]

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m. . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room

1. General debate: agenda items 33 to 37 (*continued*)
2. Requests for hearings (A/C.4/63/2, A/C.4/63/3, A/C.4/63/3/Add.1, A/C.4/63/3/Add.2, A/C.4/63/3/Add.3, A/C.4/63/4, A/C.4/63/5, A/C.4/63/5/Add.1, A/C.4/63/5/Add.2, A/C.4/63/5/Add.3, A/C.4/63/5/Add.4, A/C.4/63/5/Add.5, A/C.4/63/5/Add.6, A/C.4/63/5/Add.7, A/C.4/63/5/Add.8, A/C.4/63/5/Add.9, A/C.4/63/5/Add.10, A/C.4/63/5/Add.11, A/C.4/63/5/Add.12, A/C.4/63/5/Add.13, A/C.4/63/5/Add.14, A/C.4/63/5/Add.15, A/C.4/63/5/Add.16, A/C.4/63/5/Add.17, A/C.4/63/5/Add.18, A/C.4/63/5/Add.19, A/C.4/63/5/Add.20, A/C.4/63/5/Add.21, A/C.4/63/5/Add.22, A/C.4/63/5/Add.23, A/C.4/63/5/Add.24, A/C.4/63/5/Add.25, A/C.4/63/5/Add.26, A/C.4/63/5/Add.27, A/C.4/63/5/Add.28, A/C.4/63/5/Add.29, A/C.4/63/5/Add.30, A/C.4/63/5/Add.31, A/C.4/63/5/Add.32, A/C.4/63/5/Add.33, A/C.4/63/5/Add.34, A/C.4/63/5/Add.35, A/C.4/63/5/Add.36, A/C.4/63/5/Add.37, A/C.4/63/5/Add.38, A/C.4/63/5/Add.39, A/C.4/63/5/Add.40, A/C.4/63/5/Add.41, A/C.4/63/5/Add.42, A/C.4/63/5/Add.43, A/C.4/63/5/Add.44, A/C.4/63/5/Add.45, A/C.4/63/5/Add.46, A/C.4/63/5/Add.47, A/C.4/63/5/Add.48, A/C.4/63/5/Add.49, A/C.4/63/5/Add.50, A/C.4/63/5/Add.51, A/C.4/63/5/Add.52, A/C.4/63/5/Add.53, A/C.4/63/5/Add.54, A/C.4/63/5/Add.55, A/C.4/63/5/Add.56, A/C.4/63/5/Add.57, A/C.4/63/5/Add.58, A/C.4/63/5/Add.59, A/C.4/63/5/Add.60, A/C.4/63/5/Add.61, A/C.4/63/5/Add.62, A/C.4/63/6 and A/C.4/63/6/Add.1)

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Conference Room

General debate (*continued*)

Nigeria

Nepal

Chile

Cuba

United Arab Emirates

Turkmenistan

Saint Lucia

Syrian Arab Republic

Islamic Republic of Iran

Senegal

The Sudan

Uruguay

Myanmar

Israel

Viet Nam

Ethiopia

Kazakhstan

Guinea

El Salvador

Food and Agriculture Organization

3–6 p.m. . . . . 5th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

General debate (*continued*)[1]

United Kingdom

Egypt

Thailand

Philippines

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Morocco

Malaysia

Nicaragua

Costa Rica

Saudi Arabia

Republic of Korea

Yemen

Pakistan

Namibia

Singapore

Ghana

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Iraq

Tonga

[1] In the event of a spill-over of the list of speakers, arrangements will be made for the Second Committee to continue its general debate on Wednesday morning, 8 October 2008.

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Sri Lanka

United Republic of Tanzania

Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Mongolia

Malawi

San Marino

Maldives

[*Note:* The list of speakers for all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted, *as soon as possible*, to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6.30 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (e-mail thompsonm@un.org)).

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.]

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Social development . . . . . [55]

(a) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (A/63/133)

(b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (A/63/183 and A/63/184)

(c) Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing (A/63/95)

(d) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all (A/63/172)

(e) Review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (A/63/183)

Continuation of general discussion

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. 3rd meeting Conference Room 3

1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/63/11 and A/63/68) [122]

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 [118]

Construction of additional conference facilities at the Vienna International Centre, and construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa (A/63/303 and A/63/465)

Improving and modernizing the conference facilities and construction of additional office facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/62/794 and A/63/465)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/794, A/63/303 and A/63/465))

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Informal briefings on:

Enterprise resource planning (ERP)/Information and communication technology (ICT) (by Mr. Choi Soon-hong, Chief Information Technology Officer, Assistant Secretary-General); and

Capital master plan (by Mr. Michael Adlerstein, Executive Director, Assistant Secretary-General, CMP)

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 3rd meeting of the Committee.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Trusteeship Council Chamber

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on agenda item 129 (Administration of Justice at the United Nations)

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963) if they wish to be inscribed on the list. Agenda item 99 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism) will be discussed in plenary on Wednesday, 8 October and Thursday, 9 October 2008; and agenda item 73 (Criminal Accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission) will be discussed in plenary on Friday, 10 and Monday, 13 October. Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Executive session
2. Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials
3. Executive session

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Tuesday, 7 October 2008

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands)

1–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards an arms trade treaty: establishing effective international control over the import, export and transfer of conventional arms" (under agenda item 90) (First Committee) (convened by the delegations of Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan, Kenya and the United Kingdom)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all" (under agenda item 55 (d)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mongolia)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on "Torture and other cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment" (under agenda item 64 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Denmark)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 7 October 2008

Mason Group

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

9.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on the administration of justice)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on Third Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

2008 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-3170D

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

UNITAR English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

African Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Arab Group (Sixth Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Southern African Development Community (SADC)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Other activities

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Tuesday, 7 October 2008

High-level working session entitled "Harmonious cities: Music, technology, culture and health" (organized by the International Council for Caring Communities (ICCC) and co-sponsored by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

From 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[This meeting is open to members of Permanent Missions only. The media is invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UN-HABITAT New York Office (room DC2-0943; tel. 1 (212) 963-4200; e-mail habitatNY@un.org).]

Interactive discussion "Growing Together: Youth and the United Nations" (organized by the United Nations Programme on Youth, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

From 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please visit <www.un.org/youth>; or contact Ms. Julie Pewitt, UN Programme on Youth (tel. 1 (917) 367-5169; e-mail pewitt@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "Peacebuilding: a role for religion" (organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See (tel. 1 (212) 370-7885; e-mail office@holyseemission.org).]

Meeting of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend.]

Round table on the "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of United Nations personnel"

From 3 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For more information please contact Ms. Chloé de Preneuf, Permanent Mission of France (e-mail chloe.depreneuf@diplomatie.gouv.fr).]

Announcements

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October, according to the following schedule:

Today, 7 October 2008, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 6: *Spanish*

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Tuesday, 7 October 2008

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations (to hold the first of his regularly-scheduled monthly press conferences)

2 p.m. . . . . Mr. John Holmes, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (on the the International Day for Disaster Reduction (8 October))

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November – 2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly Resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will begin on Thursday, 9 October and Friday, 10 October 2008; the meetings will take place, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Beginning the week of 13 October, three meetings per week will be held (the complete schedule and the draft outcome document are posted on the following Financing for Development (FfD) Office Web site <www.un.org/esa/ffd>).

All accredited stakeholders to the Financing for Development process are invited to attend the drafting sessions, although only representatives of governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

As announced at the informal consultations on 19 September, it is the intention of the facilitators to consider, in this first phase, the first three sections of the draft outcome document on 9 and 10 October. The next three sections would be considered during the week of 13 October, and the last three sections in the week of 20 October.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 8 October 2008

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

10 a.m. . . . . 22nd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hal

Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on whether the unilateral declaration of independence of Kosovo is in accordance with international law (A/63/L.2) . . . . . [71

Main Committees

First Committee

The Committee will continue its substantive work, by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items until Tuesday, 14 October 2008. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are requested to kindly contact Mr. Renato Monteiro (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-4193; e-mail monteiror@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the First Committee and guidance provided by the Bureau, a time limit should be observed of 10 minutes for delegations speaking in their national capacity, and 15 minutes for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to the secretariat of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963 2378).

Delegations to the First Committee (Disarmament and International Security) are strongly encouraged to submit draft resolutions and decisions by e-mail. The First Committee secretariat has set up a dedicated e-mail address for this purpose (1cdrafts@un.org). The deadline for submission is Thursday, 16 October, at 12 noon. The pre-formatted drafts and sponsors' lists can be downloaded from the QuickFirst web portal at <https://secln069.un.org/quickplace/quickfirst/Main.nsf> (see section "Pre-formatted draft resolutions/decisions"). Sponsors' lists should be submitted either as a scanned attachment at the time of e-mail submission of drafts or handed in a hard copy to the secretariat on the same or next business day. Unless submission of a draft is accompanied by the sponsors' list with signatures, the title page will contain only the name of the submitting delegation. Late submission of the sponsors' list may delay processing of the draft resolutions/decisions. Any questions regarding e-mail and web portal service should be addressed to Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail cherniavsky@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3051).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Delegations are reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Second Committee

Panel discussion

The Committee will hold a panel discussion on "Challenges and emerging issues in external debt restructuring in the context of the current financial crisis" on Friday, 10 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2, to discuss existing gaps in the restructuring of international debt, both commercial and official, and suggest possible ways to move forward.

The panellists will include: Ms. Geske Dijkstra, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, the Netherlands; Mr. Steven Kargman, Kargman Associates, New York, United States; Mr. Sony Kapoor, Executive Director of Re-DeFinE (Rethinking Development, Financ & Environment); and Ms. Stephany Griffith-Jones, Executive Director, Initiative for Policy Dialogue, Columbia University, New York, United States.

The panel discussion is organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media, are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Manuel Montes (tel. 1 (917) 367-3087).

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers on all agenda items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Requests for inscription should be sent to Ms. Nancy Beteta (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail beteta@un.org).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Mr. Moncef Khane, Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Maria Thompson (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; tel. 1 (917) 367-2603).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 4th meeting on Wednesday, 8 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 4th meeting in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Central African Republic configuration

The Central African Republic configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will hol its 2nd meeting, on Wednesday, 8 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Informal briefing

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal briefing on UNICEF'S emergency response over the past six months on Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Wednesday, 8 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of cosponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

Wednesday, 8 October 2008, from 10 to 11.45 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Supporting efforts to end obstetrics fistula" (under agenda item 59) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Senegal)

Wednesday, 8 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all" (under agenda item 55 (d)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mongolia)

Wednesday, 8 October 2008, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction (CWC)" (under agenda item 89 (k)) (convened by the delegation of Poland)

Wednesday, 8 October 2008, from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room A; and

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The situation in Afghanistan" (under agenda item 17) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Wednesday, 8 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Reliable transit of energy and its role in ensuring stable economic development and international cooperation" (under agenda item 49) (Second Committee) (convened by the delegation of Turkmenistan)

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. in Conference Room B.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "International Cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Year of Chemistry" (under agenda item 51 (a)) (Second Committee) (convened by the delegation of Ethiopia)

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands)

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on "Torture and other cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment" (under agenda item 64 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Denmark)

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 1 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The prevention of illicit brokering activities" (under agenda item 91) (First Committee) (convened by the delegations of Australia and the Republic of Korea)

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A; and

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons" (under agenda item 89) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Ukraine)

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A;

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room A; and

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Other forthcoming meetings

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African Group (Second Committee experts)

Wednesday, 8 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal briefing for members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on "Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration; Criminal Law and Advice; and the Office of the Rule of Law and Security Institutions" (organized by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations)

Wednesday, 8 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Forthcoming other activities

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UNU Forum on "Fixing the holes in economic development approaches" (organized by United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

Wednesday, 8 October 2008, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, please visit the Web site <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Ms. Anna Chrisp, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail anna@ony.unu.edu).]

DPI/NGO briefing entitled "Making mental health a global priority through advocacy and action" in observance of World Mental Health Day

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjold Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Albert Lee, NGO Sections, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-7709; e-mail section1d@un.org).]

Training seminar on the universal periodic review mechanism of the Human Rights Council (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; and

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All Permanent Missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ann Syauta, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (tel. 1 (917) 367-3602; e-mail syauta@un.org).]

Briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (on the Secretary-General's Report on the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF))

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All Permanent and Observer Missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Corazon dela Pena, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-9682; e-mail penac@un.org).]

Forthcoming meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
Fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

The fourth session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will take place from 20 to 24 October 2008, in Conference Room XIX at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Delegations are kindly requested to submit the names of observers to the Financing for Development Office, DESA (fax 1 (212) 963-0443; e-mail taxffdoffice@un.org). For further information, please contact Mr. Michael Lennard (tel. 1 (917) 367-5734; e-mail lennard@un.org); or Mr. Masa Ohyama (tel. 1 (212) 963-4695; e-mail ohyama@un.org).

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework

The Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework will meet in Vienna from Monday, 10 to Friday, 14 November 2008. In order to facilitate the issuance of identification badges by the United Nations Office at Vienna, Member States are requested to communicate the composition of their Delegations to the secretariat of the Forum (fax 1 (917) 367-3186; room DC1-1245; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401 and 1 (212) 963-3160). For further information, please visit the UNFF Web site at <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Announcements

Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November – 2 December 2008)

Delegations, United Nations entities, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the business sector are reminded that in view of the proximity of the Conference and the limited availability of facilities, a deadline to submit proposals for side events to be held during the Conference is set for Wednesday, 15 October 2008. All requests should be submitted to the attention of Ms. Stefania Piffanelli (e-mail piffanelli@un.org).

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Proposed dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee

The dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (Administration of justice at the United Nations; Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission; and Measures to eliminate international terrorism), as proposed by the incoming Bureau, are now available on the Web site of the Sixth Committee <www.un.org/law/cod/sixth/>.

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 6 October 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

20th plenary meeting

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items . . . . . [7]

Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Secretary-General (A/63/232)

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to the request submitted by the Secretary-General contained in document A/63/232.

The General Assembly decided to waive rule 40 of the rules of procedure. The Assembly further decided to include in the agenda of the sixty-third session an additional item entitled "Judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991", under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters) and to consider the item directly in plenary meeting (paragraph 6 of document A/63/232).

The General Assembly was informed that the item would be considered on Thursday, 9 October 2008, after the issuance of the relevant documents relating to the item.

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization . . . . . [100]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 100.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with the statement), Colombia, Cuba, Viet Nam, the Philippines, Guatemala, the Republic of Korea, Japan, China, Peru, Belarus, India, Egypt and Iceland.

21st plenary meeting *Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization* . . . . . [100]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 100.

Statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia, the United States and Indonesia.

The observer of the Observer State of the Holy See made a statement

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/63/1).

The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 100.

Main Committees

First Committee

2nd meeting The Chairperson made a statement.

The High Representative for Disarmament Affairs made a statement.

General debate

The Committee began its general debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda items. Statements were made by the representatives of the Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Indonesia (on behalf of Non-Aligned Movement), Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group), France (on behalf of the European Union), South Africa (on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition), Brazil, China, Mexico, Colombia, Jamaica, Australia and Bangladesh.

In the exercise of the right of reply, statement was made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

2nd meeting

Agenda items 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37

The Chairman made a statement.

A statement introducing the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/63/23 and A/63/23/Add.1) was made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic, in his capacity as the Rapporteur of the Special Committee.

The representative of Indonesia made a statement, in his capacity as the Chairman of the Special Committee.

The Committee began its general debate with statements by the representatives of Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR, the State Party in the process of accession, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), and the Associated States Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru) and South Africa (on behalf of the South African Development Community).

The representative of Morocco made a statement on a point of order.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Fiji, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Uganda and the United Kingdom.

Request for hearings

The Committee decided to hear the petitioners on the questions of Gibraltar (A/C.4/63/2), Guam (A/C.4/63/3, A/C.4/63/3/Add.1, A/C.4/63/3/Add.2 and A/C.4/63/3/Add.3), the United States Virgin Islands (A/C.4/63/4), Western Sahara (A/C.4/63/5, A/C.4/63/5/Add.1, A/C.4/63/5/Add.2, A/C.4/63/5/Add.3, A/C.4/63/5/Add.4, A/C.4/63/5/Add.5, A/C.4/63/5/Add.6, A/C.4/63/5/Add.7, A/C.4/63/5/Add.8, A/C.4/63/5/Add.9, A/C.4/63/5/Add.10, A/C.4/63/5/Add.11, A/C.4/63/5/Add.12, A/C.4/63/5/Add.13, A/C.4/63/5/Add.14, A/C.4/63/5/Add.15, A/C.4/63/5/Add.16, A/C.4/63/5/Add.17, A/C.4/63/5/Add.18, A/C.4/63/5/Add.19, A/C.4/63/5/Add.20, A/C.4/63/5/Add.21, A/C.4/63/5/Add.22, A/C.4/63/5/Add.23, A/C.4/63/5/Add.24, A/C.4/63/5/Add.25, A/C.4/63/5/Add.26, A/C.4/63/5/Add.27, A/C.4/63/5/Add.28, A/C.4/63/5/Add.29, A/C.4/63/5/Add.30, A/C.4/63/5/Add.31, A/C.4/63/5/Add.32, A/C.4/63/5/Add.33, A/C.4/63/5/Add.34, A/C.4/63/5/Add.35, A/C.4/63/5/Add.36, A/C.4/63/5/Add.37, A/C.4/63/5/Add.38, A/C.4/63/5/Add.39, A/C.4/63/5/Add.40, A/C.4/63/5/Add.41, A/C.4/63/5/Add.42, A/C.4/63/5/Add.43, A/C.4/63/5/Add.44, A/C.4/63/5/Add.45, A/C.4/63/5/Add.46, A/C.4/63/5/Add.47, A/C.4/63/5/Add.48, A/C.4/63/5/Add.49, A/C.4/63/5/Add.50, A/C.4/63/5/Add.51, A/C.4/63/5/Add.52, A/C.4/63/5/Add.53, A/C.4/63/5/Add.54, A/C.4/63/5/Add.55, A/C.4/63/5/Add.56, A/C.4/63/5/Add.57, A/C.4/63/5/Add.58, A/C.4/63/5/Add.59, A/C.4/63/5/Add.60, A/C.4/63/5/Add.61 and A/C.4/63/5/Add.62), and New Caledonia (A/C.4/63/6 and A/C.4/63/6/Add.1).

The Committee decided to hear the petitioners on Gibraltar, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, Western Sahara and New Caledonia at its meetings on 7 and 8 October.

Statements were made by the delegations of the United Kingdom, Morocco, Argentina and South Africa in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Chairman reminded delegations that the deadline for the submission of draft resolutions under decolonization items was set for 4 p.m., on Tuesday, 7 October.

Second Committee

2nd meeting

The Chairperson, H.E. Mrs. Uche Joy Ogwu (Nigeria), made an opening statement.

The Deputy Secretary-General addressed the Committee.

A statement was made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

The meeting was suspended.

Keynote address

The meeting was resumed.

A keynote address was delivered by Professor Ricardo Hausmann, Director of Harvard University's Center for International Development and Professor of the Practice of Economic Development at the Kennedy School of Government.

The Committee engaged in an exchange of views with the keynote speaker during which comments were made and questions were posed by the representatives of Costa Rica, Malaysia, the Dominican Republic, Antigua and Barbuda, South Africa, Belgium, Armenia and Bangladesh.

The meeting was suspended.

General debate

The meeting was resumed.

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process; and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Armenia), Bangladesh (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries), Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) and Indonesia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations).

Organization of work

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

3rd meeting

The Committee continued its general debate.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, the United States, Tunisia, Brazil, Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Kenya (on behalf of the African Group), Lebanon (on behalf of the Arab Group), the Russian Federation, China, Jamaica, Uganda, Algeria, India and Colombia.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Labour Organization.

Third Committee

1st meeting

The Chairman made an opening statement.

Organization of work

Invitations to Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives and Independent Experts and Chairpersons of Working Groups

The Committee decided to extend invitations to a number of Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives, Independent Experts and Chairpersons of Working Groups or treaty Bodies, as read out by the Secretary, to present their reports to the Committee at the present session.

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to the letter from the President of the General Assembly on the allocation of items to the Third Committee (A/C.3/63/1), the proposed organization of work (A/C.3/63/L.1) and documentation before the Committee (A/C.3/63/L.1/Add.1) as well as to the relevant recommendations contained in document A/63/250.

The Secretary orally corrected the proposed organization of work.

A statement was made by the representative of Egypt.

The Committee then adopted its provisional programme of work, as contained in document A/C.3/63/L.1 and A/C.3/63/L.1/Add.1, together with the provisions contained therein, and corrected as follows: On the morning of Thursday, 30 October, the Committee would conclude its general discussion of item 64 (b), (c) and (e) (Promotion and portection of Human rights) and, in the afternoon, the Committee would begin it consideration of item 58 (Report of the Human Rights Council) and the list of speakers on item 58 would close at 6 pm. The 10 a.m. meeting of the Committee on Friday, 31 October would be cancelled.

Programme planning . . . . . [119]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

With the concurrence of the Committee, the Chairman appointed Ms. Nathalie Kohli (Switzerland) and Mr. Lotfi Bouchaara (Morocco) to facilitate negotiations on the Human Rights Proposed Strategic Framework for the period 2010-2011.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Committee concluded its general discussion under the item.

Social development . . . . . [55]

(a) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

(b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

(c) Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

(d) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all

(e) Review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

The Committee began its consideration of item 55 and its sub-items and heard introductory statements by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, the Acting Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA, the Executive Coordinator of the United Nations Volunteer Programme and the Director of the Division for the Coordination of United Nations Priorities in Education, UNESCO.

The Acting Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development, the Executive Coordinator of the United Nations Volunteer Programme and the Director of the

Division of United Nations Priorities in Education, UNESCO responded to questions and comments made by the representatives of Malaysia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Costa Rica, Cuba, Guatemala, Nigeria, Egypt and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Committee began its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union and the associated countries), Lesotho (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)) and Saint Lucia (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)).

2nd meeting

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The Committee continued its general discussion of item 55 and its sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Germany, Japan, Brazil, the Sudan, the United States, Bangladesh, Colombia, Cuba, Iraq, Egypt, Belarus, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Algeria, Thailand, the Philippines, Viet Nam, Malaysia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, China, Norway, Finland, Switzerland and Lebanon.

Organization of work

The Secretary made a statement.

Fifth Committee

2nd meeting

Scale of assessment for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, Mr. Bernardo Greiver, introduced the report of that Committee (A/63/11).

The Chief of the Contributions and Policy Coordination Service introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/63/68).

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Angola (on behalf of the African Group), Japan, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Mexico.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on Chapter V (Application of Article 19 of the Charter) of document A/63/11, would begin on that day, Monday, 6 October, following the adjournment of the formal meeting under the Chairmanship of Mr. Thomas Gürber (Switzerland).

Sixth Committee

1st meeting

The Chairman made a Statement.

Composition of the Bureau

The Bureau, as constituted on 4 June 2008, is composed as follows: H.E. Mr. Hamid Al Bayati (Iraq), Chairman; Mr. Scott Sheeran (New Zealand), Ms. Ana Cristina Rodriguez-Pineda (Guatemala) and Mr. El Hadj Lamine (Algeria), Vice-Chairpersons; and Mr. Marko Rakovec (Slovenia), Rapporteur.

Establishment of working groups

On the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Administration of Justice at the United Nations, the Committee established a Working Group on Administration of Justice at the United Nations with a view to finalizing its deliberations on the draft statutes of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal as a priority, bearing in mind resolution 62/228 of the General Assembly. The Committee elected Mr. Ganeson Sivagurunathan (Malaysia) as Chairperson.

On the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996 (terrorism), the Committee established a Working Group to continue the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, and elected Mr. Rohan Perera (Sri Lanka) as Chairperson.

On the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Criminal Accountability of United Nations Officials and Experts on Mission, the Committee also established a Working Group to continue the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, and elected Ms. Maria Telalian (Greece) as Chairperson.

Organization of work

The Committee adopted its programme of work on the basis of document A/C.6/63/L.1.

Administration of Justice at the United Nations . . . . . [129]

The Committee started its consideration of agenda item 129.

The Chairman spoke.

The Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Administration of Justice at the United Nations introduced the report of the Ad Hoc Committee (A/63/55 and A/63/55/Add.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Kenya (on behalf of the African Group), New Zealand (also on behalf of Canada and Australia), Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the EFTA country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Armenia aligned themselves with the statement), Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of the Congo, United States, India, Japan, Trinidad and Tobago, Norway, Egypt, Israel, Qatar, Russian Federation and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

312th meeting

The Chairman made a statement on a number of activities which had taken place since the previous meeting of the Committee.

Developments in the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement.

Consideration of the draft report of the Committee to the General Assembly, contained in A/AC.183/2008/CRP.2

The Rapporteur of the Committee introduced the draft report.

The Chairman made a statement.

The representatives of Jordan and the Syrian Arab Republic; and the Permanent Observer of Palestine made statements.

The Committee adopted its annual report to the General Assembly.

Other matters

The Chairman made a statement on a number of upcoming activities of the Committee.

The representative of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat made a statement.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
H.E. Mr. Zachary Muburi-Muita

Asian States:
Indonesia
H.E. R.M. Marty Natalegawa

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mrs. Simona Mirela Miculescu

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Brazil
H.E. Mrs. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti

Western European and other States:
Ireland
H.E. Mr. John Paul Kavanagh

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Monday, 6 October 2008.

Symbol	*Main title*
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	First Committee
A/C.1/63/INF/1	Documents of the First Committee — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]
A/C.1/63/2	Programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2008 [A C E F R S]
	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
A/C.4/63/2	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Gibraltar — Request for hearing — Letter dated 26 September 2008 from J. J. Bossano, Leader of the Opposition, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/3	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Guam — Request for hearing — Letter dated 17 September 2008 from Victoria-Lola M. Leon Guerrero, Chamoru Nation, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/3/Add.1	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Guam — Request for hearing — Letter dated 19 September 2008 from Craig Santos Perez of the Guahan Indigenous Collective to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/3/Add.2	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Guam — Request for hearing — Letter dated 17 September 2008 from Michael A. Tun'cap, Guam Famoksaiyan Collective — Oakland Chapter, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/3/Add.3	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Guam — Request for hearing — Letter dated 1 October 2008 from Vicente C. Pangelinan, Senator in the Guam Legislature, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/4	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of the United States Virgin Islands —

	Request for hearing — Letter dated 7 August 2008 from Edward L. Browne to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/5	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 1 July 2008 from Charles Wilson, Executive Director, U.S.-Western Sahara Foundation, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/5/Add.1	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 2 July 2008 from Nancy Huff, President, Teach the Children International, USA, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/5/Add.2	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 26 August 2008 from Helen Hardin, Chief of Staff, Representative Zach Wamp, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/5/Add.3	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 26 August 2008 from Janet Lenz, Director of Saharawi Programs, Christ the Rock Community Church, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/5/Add.4	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 3 September 2008 from Marge Lottis, Victory Christian Center, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/5/Add.5	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 7 September 2008 from Vanessa Ramos, American Association of Jurists, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/5/Add.6	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 8 September 2008 from Agaila Abba Hemeida, Saharawi student in the United States of America, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/5/Add.7	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 9 September 2008 from Vincent Chapaux, Université Libre de Bruxelles, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/5/Add.8	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 17 September 2008 from Hilt Teuwen, Oxfam Solidarité, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/5/Add.9	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 12 September 2008 from Mikael Simble, Norwegian Support Committee for Western Sahara to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/5/Add.10	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 16 September 2008 from Senia Bachir-Abderahman of the Saharawi Youth Union to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.11 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 18 September 2008, from Francisco José Alonso Rodríguez, President of Liga Pro Derechos Humanos, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.12 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 16 September 2008 from Monseigneur Jean Abboud to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.13 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 16 September 2008, from Delphine Bourgeois, President of Med Euro Cap addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.14 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 16 September 2008 from Miguel Ortiz Asín, President of the Forum Canario-Saharaui, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.15 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 17 September 2008 from Philippe H. Elghouayel, President of the Together Foundation, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.16 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 16 September 2008 from Cherif Sidi Tejdert, Association Mauritanienne, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.17 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 15 September 2008 from Felipe Briones Vives, Secretary of the Asociación Internacional de Juristas por el Sáhara Occidental, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.18 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 15 September 2008 from Txomin Aurrecoechea, Coordinator of the Instituciones Solidarias con el Pueblo Saharaui a nivel de Estado Español, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.19 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 15 September 2008 from Antonio López Ortiz, Secretary of the Federación Estatal de Instituciones Solidarias con el Pueblo Saharaui, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.20 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 15 September 2008 from María López Belloso, investigator of the Instituto Hegoa on questions of humanitarian action and international law, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.21 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 15 September 2008 from Aranzazu Chacon Ormazabal, Abogada y

	Responsible de proyectos de la Asociación de Vitoria-Gasteiz, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/5/Add.22	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 15 September 2008 from Alberto Ruiz de Azua Solozabal, President, Euskal Fondoa, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/5/Add.23	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 15 September 2008 from Juan Soroeta Liceras, Professor of International Public Law, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/5/Add.24	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 15 September 2008 from José Manuel de la Fuente Serrano, Abogado y Director del Observatorio de Derechos Humanos del Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Badajoz, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/5/Add.25	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 17 September 2008 from Washington Varela Salazar, Alcalde de Tena, Ecuador, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/5/Add.26	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 17 September 2008 from Alberto Cid to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/5/Add.27	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 18 September 2008 from France Weyl, Association des Amis de la République Arabe Sahraouie Démocratique to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/5/Add.28	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 18 September 2008 from Lorenzo Olarte Cullen to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/5/Add.30	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 18 September 2008 from Tanya Warburg, Director of Freedom for All, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/5/Add.31	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 18 September 2008 from José M. Romero Gonzalez addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/5/Add.32	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 18 September 2008 from Horacio Yanes to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/5/Add.33	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing

— Letter dated 18 September 2008 from Ahmed Boukhari, Representative of the Polisario Front, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.34 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 19 September 2008 from Luciano Ardesi, President of the Italian Association of Friendship and Solidarity with the Saharawi People, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.35 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 19 September 2008 from Mildred Thulin, former MP of Sweden, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.36 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 19 September 2008 from Sydney S. Assor, Chairman, Surrey Three Faiths Forum, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.37 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 19 September 2008 from Alouat Hamoudi, Western Saharan student, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.38 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 19 September 2008 from Anja Oksalampi, Executive Secretary of Yaakaare-REDHRIC, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.39 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 19 September 2008 from Saâdani Maoulainine, Association de protection des droits de l'homme (Maroc), to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.40 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 17 September 2008 from Jane Bahaijoub, Chairman of Family Protection, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.41 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 16 September 2008 from Carmelo Vidalín, Mayor of Durazno, Uruguay, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.42 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 21 September 2008 from Aymeric Chauprade, Professor at Sorbonne University, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.43 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 22 September 2008 from Ennaba El Moussaoui, Association Sahraouie pour l'Unité et la Réconciliation, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.44 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing

— Letter dated 22 September 2008 from El Mami Boussif, President of Council of the region of Rio de Oro, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.45 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 22 September 2008 from Pedro Pinto Leite, Secretary-General of the International Platform of Jurists for East Timor to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.47 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 19 September 2008 from Jorge Reinaldo A. Vanossi, Professor of Law and former Justice Minister of Argentina, addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.48 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 22 September 2008 from Gilonne d'Origny to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.49 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 23 September 2008 from Anna Maria Stame Cervone, President of Christian Democratic Women International, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.50 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 22 September 2008 from Cynthia Basinet to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.51 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 23 September 2008 from Marc Louis Ropivia, Professor, Omar Bongo University in Libreville, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.52 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 21 September 2008 from Erik Jensen to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.53 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 23 September 2008 from Diallo Babacar, Director General, Centre d'Études Diplomatiques et Stratégie, Dakar, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.54 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 23 September 2008 from Eric Cameron, President of World Action for Refugees (Norway) to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.55 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 25 September 2008 from Marselha Gonçalves Margerin, Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Centre for Human Rights, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.56 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 25 September 2008 from Jason I. Poblete, Esq., of the Defense Forum Foundation, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.57 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 26 September 2008 from José Luis Jiménez, Journalist, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.58 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 26 September 2008 from Dieter Ficke, Managing Partner of DF Logistics to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.59 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 26 September 2008, from Nicola Quatrano, President, Associazione Osservatorio Internazionale, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.60 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 27 September 2008, from Javier P. Morillas Gómez, Communications Adviser, Observatorio de Empleo, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.61 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 30 September 2008 from Francesco Bastagli to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/5/Add.62 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 1 October 2008 from Will Sommer to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/6 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of New Caledonia — Request for hearing — Letter dated 30 September 2008 from Julien Boanemoi, Customary Senator, representative of the traditional area of Ajie-Aro, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/6/Add.1 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of New Caledonia — Request for hearing — Letter dated 30 September 2008 from Rock Wamytan, signataire FLNKS de l'accord de Noumea, conseiller auprès de la Présidence du Sénat, to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

Second Committee

A/C.2/63/L.2 Item 51 (a) — Globalization and interdependence: role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence — Ethiopia: draft resolution — International Year of Chemistry [A C E F R S]

Third Committee

A/C.3/63/1 Allocation of agenda items to the Third Committee — Letter dated 19 September 2008 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/63/2	Letter dated 9 July 2008 from the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination to the Chairman of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2008/631	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Abkhazia, Georgia [A C E F R S]
S/2008/634	Report by the Secretary-General concerning the credentials of the alternate representative of Italy on the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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Security Council

10 a.m.	5989th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 6

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, Sections A and B

United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

10.45 a.m.	5990th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The question concerning Haiti

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (S/2008/586)

Morning[1]	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

MINUSTAH (S/2008/586)

Other matters

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 5990th meeting.

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire

3 p.m.	Informal meeting (closed)	Conference Room 6

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	22nd plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on whether the unilateral declaration of independence of Kosovo is in accordance with international law (A/63/L.2) [71]

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General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.-1 p.m. . . . 4th meeting . . . . Conference Ro

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 8 96): *item 81* (A/63/97 and A/63/97/Add.1); *item 82*; *item 83* (A/63/62-S/2008/123); *84*; *item 85* (A/63/139); *item 86* (A/63/115 (Part I) and A/63/115 (Part I)/Add.1); *ite 87*; *item 88*; *item 89* (A/63/73-S/2008/297, A/63/91, A/63/114, A/63/114/Add.1, A/63/116, A/63/117, A/63/117/Add.1, A/63/120, A/63/120/Add.1, A/63/122, A/63/1 A/63/134, A/63/135, A/63/136, A/63/136/Add.1, A/63/153, A/63/158, A/63/158/Ad A/63/170, A/63/170/Add.1, A/63/171, A/63/171/Add.1, A/63/176, A/63/182 and A/63/261); *item 90* (A/63/129, A/63/157, A/63/162, A/63/163, A/63/164 and A/63/1 *item 91* (A/63/27 (Supp. 27)[1], A/63/42 (Supp.42)*, A/63/177 and A/63/279); *item 9* (A/63/115 (Part II))[1]; *item 93*; *item 94* (A/63/138); *item 95* (A/63/124); and *item 96*

[Other documents: A/C.1/63/1, A/C.1/63/2 and A/C.1/63/INF/1]

[1] To be issued.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3-6 p.m. . . . 4th meeting . . . . Conference Ro

Hearings of petitioners (A/C.4/63/5/Add.4, A/C.4/63/5/Add.9, A/C.4/63/5/Add.11, A/C.4/63/5/Add.15, A/C.4/63/5/Add.16, A/C.4/63/5/Add.18, A/C.4/63/5/Add.19, A/C.4/63/5/Add.20, A/C.4/63/5/Add.21, A/C.4/63/5/Add.22, A/C.4/63/5/Add.23, A/C.4/63/5/Add.24, A/C.4/63/5/Add.25, A/C.4/63/5/Add.26, A/C.4/63/5/Add.27, A/C.4/63/5/Add.28, A/C.4/63/5/Add.29, A/C.4/63/5/Add.30, A/C.4/63/5/Add.31, A/C.4/63/5/Add.32, A/C.4/63/5/Add.33, A/C.4/63/5/Add.34, A/C.4/63/5/Add.35, A/C.4/63/5/Add.36, A/C.4/63/5/Add.37, A/C.4/63/5/Add.38, A/C.4/63/5/Add.39, A/C.4/63/5/Add.40, A/C.4/63/5/Add.41, A/C.4/63/5/Add.42, A/C.4/63/5/Add.43, A/C.4/63/5/Add.44, A/C.4/63/5/Add.45, A/C.4/63/5/Add.46, A/C.4/63/5/Add.47, A/C.4/63/5/Add.48, A/C.4/63/5/Add.49, A/C.4/63/5/Add.51, A/C.4/63/5/Add.52, A/C.4/63/5/Add.53, A/C.4/63/5/Add.54, A/C.4/63/5/Add.55, A/C.4/63/5/Add.56, A/C.4/63/5/Add.57, A/C.4/63/5/Add.59, A/C.4/63/5/Add.60, A/C.4/63/5/Add.61, A/C.4/63/5/Add.62, A/C.4/63/6 and A/C.4/63/6/Add.1)

Second Committee

10 a.m.-1 p.m. . . . 6th meeting . . . . Conference Roo

General debate (*conclusion*)

Iraq

Tonga

Sri Lanka

United Republic of Tanzania

Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Mongolia

Malawi

San Marino

Maldives

Afghanistan

Kuwait

Nauru

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Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted, *as soon as possible*, to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6.30 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2603); e-mail thompsonm@un.org)).

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Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/63/L.2

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [117]

   Accountability framework and Results-based management (A/62/701, A/62/701/Corr.1, A/62/701/Add.1, A/61/805, A/62/704, A/63/268 and A/63/457)

   Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Accountability framework and Results-based management (A/62/701, A/62/701/Corr.1, A/62/701/Add.1, A/61/805, A/62/704, A/63/268 and A/63/457))

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 4th meeting of the Committee.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 2nd meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

3–6 p.m. . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Measures to eliminate international terrorism (A/63/37, A/63/89, A/63/123, A/63/173, A/63/173/Add.1, A/63/281-S/2008/431) . . . . . [99]

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963) if they wish to be inscribed on the list. Agenda item 99 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism) will be discussed in plenary on Wednesday, 8 October and Thursday, 9 October 2008; and agenda item 73 (Criminal Accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission) will be discussed in plenary on Friday, 10 and Monday, 13 October. Agenda item 79 (The rule of law at the national and international levels) will be discussed on 13 and 14 October.
Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Executive session

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Central African Republic configuration

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 2nd meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda (PBC/3/CAF/2)[1]
2. Peacebuilding in the Central African Republic
3. Other matters

[1] To be issued.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Wednesday, 8 October 2008

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 1

Meeting of cosponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

10–11.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction (CWC)" (under agenda item 89 (k)) (convened by the delegation of Poland)

2.30–3.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Supporting efforts to end obstetric fistula" (under agenda item 60) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Senegal)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The situation in Afghanistan" (under agenda item 17) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 9

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 8 October 2008

Group of 77 (on the administration of justice)

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (on the strengthening of the environmental activities of the United Nations system)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

2.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

2008 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-3170D

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

UNITAR English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

African Group (Second Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal briefing for members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on "Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration; Criminal Law and Advice; and the Office of the Rule of Law and Security Institutions" (organized by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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OIC Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Other activities

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Wednesday, 8 October 2008

UNU Forum on "Fixing the holes in economic development approaches" (organized by United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

From 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, please visit the Web site <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Ms. Anna Chrisp, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387, e-mail anna@ony.unu.edu).]

Meeting of the States Parties and Signatories of Treaties that Establish Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones (NWFZ) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Wednesday, 8 October 2008

Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon	Mr. Ralph Zacklin, former Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and head of the Independent Panel on Safety and Security of United Nations Personnel and Premises Worldwide (on the report of the Panel)
3 p.m.	H.E. Mr. Vuk Jeremić, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia

Security Council stakeout

10.30 a.m.	Mr. Matthew Nimetz, Secretary-General's Personal Envoy for the talks between Greece and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Morning[1]	H.E. Mr. Hédi Annabi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH)

[1]Following the Security Council consultations on MINUSTAH.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November – 2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly Resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will begin on Thursday, 9 October and Friday, 10 October 2008; the meetings will take place, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Beginning the week of 13 October, three meetings per week will be held (the complete schedule and the draft outcome document are posted on the following Financing for Development (FfD) Office Web site <www.un.org/esa/ffd>).

All accredited stakeholders to the Financing for Development process are invited to attend the drafting sessions, although only representatives of governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

As announced at the informal consultations on 19 September, it is the intention of the facilitators to consider, in this first phase, the first three sections of the draft outcome document on 9 and 10 October. The next three sections would be considered during the week of 13 October, and the last three sections in the week of 20 October.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 9 October 2008

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

10 a.m. . . . . 23rd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed on the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/63/458-S/2008/621, A/63/469[1] and A/63/470[1]) [154]

[1]To be issued.

2. Report of the Peacebuilding Commission (A/63/92-S/2008/417) [10]; Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund (A/63/218-S/2008/522) [101]: joint debate

Main Committees

First Committee

The Committee will continue its substantive work, by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items until Tuesday, 14 October 2008.

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the First Committee and guidance provided by the Bureau, a time limit should be observed of 10 minutes for delegations speaking in their national capacity, and 15 minutes for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to the secretariat of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963 2378).

Delegations to the First Committee (Disarmament and International Security) are strongly encouraged to submit draft resolutions and decisions by e-mail. The First Committee secretariat has set up a dedicated e-mail address for this purpose (1cdrafts@un.org). The deadline for submission is Thursday, 16 October, at 12 noon. The pre-formatted drafts and sponsors' lists can be downloaded from the QuickFirst web portal at <https://secln069.un.org/quickplace/quickfirst/Main.nsf> (see section "Pre-formatted draft resolutions/decisions"). Sponsors' lists should be submitted either as a scanned attachment at the time of e-mail submission of drafts or handed in a hard copy to the secretariat on the same or next business day. Unless submission of a draft is accompanied by the sponsors' list with signatures, the title page will contain only the name of the submitting delegation. Late submission of the sponsors' list may delay processing of the draft resolutions/decisions. Any questions regarding e-mail and web portal service should be addressed to Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail cherniavsky@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3051).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Delegations are reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Second Committee
Panel discussion

The Committee will hold a panel discussion on "Challenges and emerging issues in external debt restructuring in the context of the current financial crisis" on Friday, 10 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2, to discuss existing gaps in the restructuring of international debt, both commercial and official, and suggest possible ways to move forward.

The panellists will include: Ms. Geske Dijkstra, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, the Netherlands; Mr. Steven Kargman, Kargman Associates, New York, United States; Mr. Sony Kapoor, Executive Director of Re-DeFinE (Rethinking Development, Finance & Environment); and Ms. Stephany Griffith-Jones, Executive Director, Initiative for Policy Dialogue, Columbia University, New York, United States.

The panel discussion is organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media, are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Manuel Montes (tel. 1 (917) 367-3087).

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers on all agenda items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Requests for inscription should be sent to Ms. Nancy Beteta (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail beteta@un.org).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Mr. Moncef Khane, Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Maria Thompson (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; tel. 1 (917) 367-2603).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 5th meeting on Thursday, 9 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 5th meeting and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Informal briefing

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal briefing on UNICEF'S emergency response over the past six months on Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Compliance with non-proliferation, arms limitation and disarmament agreements" (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of the United States)

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 9.15 to 10.15 a.m. in Conference Room A; and

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "International Cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on the "Moratorium on the use of death penalty" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Norway)

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing" (under agenda item 55 (c)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Malaysia)

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1; and

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all" (under agenda item 55 (d)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mongolia)

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Year of Chemistry" (under agenda item 51 (a)) (Second Committee) (convened by the delegation of Ethiopia)

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands)

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on "Torture and other cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment" (under agenda item 64 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Denmark)

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 1 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Convention on the Prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of bacteriological (Biological) and toxin weapons and on their destruction" (under agenda item 96) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Hungary)

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 12.30 to 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Supporting efforts to end obstetrics fistula" (under agenda item 59) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Senegal)

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The prevention of illicit brokering activities" (under agenda item 91) (First Committee) (convened by the delegations of Australia and the Republic of Korea)

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A; and

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons" (under agenda item 89) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Ukraine)

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A;

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room A; and

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Reliable transit of energy and its role in ensuring stable economic development and international cooperation" (under agenda item 49) (Second Committee) (convened by the delegation of Turkmenistan)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards an arms trade treaty: establishing effective international control over the import, export and transfer of conventional arms" (under agenda item 90) (First Committee) (convened by the delegations of Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan, Kenya and the United Kingdom)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 4; and

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction (CWC)" (under agenda item 89 (k)) (convened by the delegation of Poland)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The situation in Afghanistan" (under agenda item 17) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Middle-income developing countries (organized by the Permanent Mission of Namibia)

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on legal matters

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Friends of the International Criminal Court

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

International Criminal Court: Informal consultations on the Court's 2009 budget

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Forthcoming other activities

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DPI/NGO briefing entitled "Making mental health a global priority through advocacy and action" in observance of World Mental Health Day

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjold Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Albert Lee, NGO Sections, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-7709; e-mail section1d@un.org).]

Training seminar on the universal periodic review mechanism of the Human Rights Council (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; and

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All Permanent Missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ann Syauta, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (tel. 1 (917) 367-3602; e-mail syauta@un.org).]

Briefing on development cooperation with middle-income countries (organized by the Permanent Missions of Belarus, Egypt, El Salvador, Indonesia and Namibia)

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are welcome to attend.]

Briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (on the Secretary-General's Report on the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF))

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All Permanent and Observer Missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Corazon dela Pena, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-9682; e-mail penac@un.org).]

Introduction of two reports of the Secretary-General entitled: "The New Partnership for Africa's Development: sixth consolidated report on progress in implementation and international support" (A/63/206); and "Implementation of the recommendations contained in the Report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa" (A/63/212) (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA))

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[For further information please contact Mr. Mehdi Hamam, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 963-2645; e-mail hamamm@un.org); or Ms. Cheryl Larsen, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 963-8401; e-mail larsenc@un.org).]

Presentation of a report entitled "Abolishing nuclear weapons", by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) (sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All Permanent Missions are invited to attend. For further information please contact Mr. Paul Shrubsole, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom (email paul.shrubsole@fco.gov.uk).]

Forthcoming meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
Fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

The fourth session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will take place from 20 to 24 October 2008, in Conference Room XIX at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Delegations are kindly requested to submit the names of observers to the Financing for Development Office, DESA (fax 1 (212) 963-0443; e-mail taxffdoffice@un.org). For further information, please contact Mr. Michael Lennard (tel. 1 (917) 367-5734; e-mail lennard@un.org); or Mr. Masa Ohyama (tel. 1 (212) 963-4695; e-mail ohyama@un.org).

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework
United Nations Office at Vienna

The Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework will meet in Vienna from Monday, 10 to Friday, 14 November 2008. In order to facilitate the issuance of identification badges by the United Nations Office at Vienna, Member States are requested to communicate the composition of their Delegations to the secretariat of the Forum (fax 1 (917) 367-3186; room DC1-1245; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401 and 1 (212) 963-3160). For further information, please visit the UNFF Web site at <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Announcements

Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November – 2 December 2008)

Delegations, United Nations entities, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the business sector are reminded that in view of the proximity of the Conference and the limited availability of facilities, a deadline to submit proposals for side events to be held during the Conference is set for Wednesday, 15 October 2008. All requests should be submitted to the attention of Ms. Stefania Piffanelli (e-mail piffanelli@un.org).

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Proposed dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee

The dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (Administration of justice at the United Nations; Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission; and Measures to eliminate international terrorism), as proposed by the incoming Bureau, are now available on the Web site of the Sixth Committee <www.un.org/law/cod/sixth/>.

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by

clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 7 October 2008

Security Council

5987th meeting

The situation in Somalia

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Canada, Denmark, Greece, Japan, Lithuania, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Somalia and Spain, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2008/633, which had been submitted by Belgium, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, France, Greece, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2008/633) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2008/633) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1838 (2008).

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of South Africa, France, Indonesia and Italy.

5988th meeting

The situation in Guinea-Bissau

Report of the Secretary-General on developments in Guinea-Bissau and on the activities of the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office in that country (S/2008/628)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Guinea-Bissau, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Lynn Pascoe, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Ms. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti, Chair of the Guinea-Bissau Configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission and Permanent Representative of Brazil.

The Council began its consideration of the item on the agenda and heard briefings by Mr. Pascoe and H.E. Ms. Viotti.

Statements were made by the representatives of Burkina Faso, the United States, Belgium, Italy, the Russian Federation, Indonesia, Croatia, France, South Africa, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Costa Rica, Viet Nam, Panama and the United Kingdom, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of China.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Guinea-Bissau.

Mr. Pascoe responded to comments and questions raised.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

3rd meeting

The Chairperson made a statement.

General debate

The Committee began its general debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda items. Statements were made by the representatives of the Myanmar (on behalf of the ASEAN Member States), Indonesia, Switzerland, Japan, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Nigeria, the United Arab Emirates and Canada.

A statement was made by the observer of the Holy See.

In the exercise of the right of reply, statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Georgia and the Russian Federation.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3rd meeting *Implementation of the declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples* . . . . . [37]

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee continued its general debate with a statement by the representative of Spain.

Hearing of petitioners

Question of Gibraltar

On the basis of a decision taken at the 2nd meeting, the Committee heard statements by H.E. Mr. Peter Caruana (Chief Minister) and Mr. Joe Bossano (A/C.4/63/2).

Question of Guam

On the basis of a decision taken at the 2nd meeting, the Committee heard statements by Ms. Victoria-Lola M. Leon Guerrero, Chomoru Nation (A/C.4/63/3); Mr. Craig Santos Perez, Guahan Indigenous Collective (A/C.4/63/3/Add.1); Ms. Ailene Quan (on behalf of Mr. Vicente C. Pangelinan), Guam Legislature (A/C.4/63/3/Add.3); and Mr. Michael A. Tun'cap, GUAM Famoksaiyan Collective (A/C.4/63/3/Add.2).

Question of the United States Virgin Islands

On the basis of a decision taken at the 2nd meeting, the Committee heard a statement by Mr. Edward Browne (A/C.4/63/4).

Question of Western Sahara

On the basis of a decision taken at the 2nd meeting, the Committee heard statements by Mr. Charles Wilson, U.S.-Western Sahara Foundation (A/C.4/63/5); Ms. Nancy Huff, Teach the Children International (A/C.4/63/5/Add.1); Ms. Helen Hardin, Office of Congressman Zach Wamp (A/C.4/63/5/Add.2); Ms. Janet Lenz, Christ the Rock Community Church (A/C.4/63/5/Add.3); Ms. Agaila Abba Hemeida (A/C.4/63/5/Add.6); Mr. Vincent Chapaux, Université Libre de Bruxelles (A/C.4/63/5/Add.7); Ms. Hilt Teuwen, Oxfam Solidarity (A/C.4/63/5/Add.8); Ms. Senia Bachir-Abderahman, Saharawi Youth Union (A/C.4/63/5/Add.10); Ms. Cynthia Basinet (A/C.4/63/5/Add.50); Monseigneur Jean Abboud (A/C.4/63/5/Add.12); Ms. Delphine Bourgeois, Med Euro Cap (A/C.4/63/5/Add.13); Mr. Miguel Ortiz Asín, Forum Canario-Saharaui (A/C.4/63/5/Add.14); and Mr. Felipe Briones Vives, Asociación Internacional de Juristas por el Sáhara Occidental (A/C.4/63/5/Add.17).

Right of reply

A statement was made by the delegation of the United Kingdom in exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

Following a proposal by the Chairman, the Committee decided to extend the deadline for submitting the draft proposal on Western Sahara for 24 hours, until 8 October at 6 p.m.

Second Committee

4th meeting

The Committee continued its general debate.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria, Nepal, Chile, Cuba, the United Arab Emirates, Turkmenistan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Senegal, the Sudan, Uruguay, Myanmar, Israel, Viet Nam, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Guinea, El Salvador, Ethiopia and Guatemala.

5th meeting

The Committee continued its general debate.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Egypt, Thailand, the Philippines, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Pakistan, Namibia, the Republic of Korea, Ghana, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization.

Organization of work

The Secretary made a statement.

Third Committee

3rd meeting

Social development . . . . . [55]

(a) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

(b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

(c) Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

(d) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all

(e) Review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

A representative of the Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA, responded to a question posed in the previous meeting.

The Committee continued its general discussion of item 55 and its sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Morocco, the Netherlands, the Russian Federation, Yemen, Jordan, Kenya, Myanmar, the Republic of Korea, Nicaragua, India, the United Republic of Tanzania, Qatar, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Ukraine, Nepal, El Salvador and the Syrian Arab Republic.

4th meeting

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The Committee continued its general discussion of item 55 and heard statements by the representatives of Haiti, the United Arab Emirates, Senegal, Eritrea, Nigeria, Mongolia, Ghana, Romania, Jamaica, Slovakia, Azerbaijan, Australia, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Pakistan.

A statement was made by the representative of the International Labour Organization.

A statement was made by the representative of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of item 55 as a whole.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement and reminded the Committee that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 55, was Wednesday, 8 October at 1 p.m.

Fifth Committee

3rd meeting

Scale of assessment for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kuwait, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the United States.

The Chairman of the Committee on Contributions made a concluding statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on Friday, 10 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5 under the chairmanship of Mr. Thomas Gürber (Switzerland).

Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 . . . . . [118]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Director of the Facilities and Commercial Services Division introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/62/794 and A/63/303).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/63/465).

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ethiopia, Costa Rica and South Africa.

The Director of the Facilities and Commercial Services Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day, Tuesday, 7 October, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, in Conference Room 5 under the chairmanship of Mr. Henric Råsbrant (Sweden), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006. Geneva, 27 January 2006

Definitive signature: Ghana (7 October 2008)

International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism. New York, 13 April 2005

Ratification: Luxembourg (2 October 2008)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Territorial application: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (25 September 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Kenya
H.E. Mr. Zachary Muburi-Muita

Asian States:

Indonesia
H.E. R.M. Marty Natalegawa

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mrs. Simona Mirela Miculescu

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Brazil
H.E. Mrs. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti

Western European and other States:
Ireland
H.E. Mr. John Paul Kavanagh

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 October 2008.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Sixty-third session
A/63/5/Add.10	United Nations Office for Project Services — Financial report and audited financial statements — for the biennium ended 31 December 2007 and —Report of the Board of Auditors — Supplement No. 5J [A C E F R S]
A/63/32	Report of the Committee on Conferences for 2008 — Supplement No. 32 [A C E F R S]
General Assembly	**Documents**
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A/63/115 (Part I)/Add.1	Items 86 and 92 — Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East — The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/120/Add.1	Item 89 (f) — General and complete disarmament: transparency in armaments — United Nations Register of Conventional Arms — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/136/Add.1	Item 91 (w) of the provisional agenda — General and complete disarmament — Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/151/Add.1	Items 121 and 127 of the provisional agenda — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Joint Inspection Unit — Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on liaison offices in the United Nations system — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/63/173/Add.1	Item 101 of the provisional agenda — Measures to eliminate international terrorism — Report of the Secretary-General — Chile [A C E F R S]
A/63/251/Add.1	Agenda of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/63/252/Add.1	Allocation of agenda items for the sixty-third session of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/63/273	Item 32 of the provisional agenda — Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/302 (Part I)	Item 131 of the provisional agenda — Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services — Activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 — Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [A C E F R S]
A/63/302 (Part I)/Add.1	Item 131 of the provisional agenda — Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services — Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 [A C E F R S]
A/63/305/Corr.1	Item 65 — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance — Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/329	Item 131 of the provisional agenda — Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services — Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the activities of the Procurement Task Force for the period from 1 July 2007 to 31 July 2008 [A C E F R S]
A/63/329/Add.1	Item 131 of the provisional agenda — Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services — Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the activities of the Procurement Task Force for the period from 1 July 2007 to 31 July 2008 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/341	Item 64 (c) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Situation of human rights in Myanmar — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/349	Item 116 of the provisional agenda — Multilingualism — Interim report on the impact of the activities carried out by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization during the International Year of Languages (2008) — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/354	Items 121 and 126 of the provisional agenda — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Human resources management — Conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/360	Items 121 and 128 of the provisional agenda — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — United Nations common system — Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2008 — Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

A/63/380–S/2008/627	Item 15 — The situation in the Middle East — Identical letters dated 22 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
A/63/457	Items 117 and 118 — Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Accountability framework, enterprise risk management and internal control framework, and results-based management framework — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/63/458–S/2008/621	Item 154 — Judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed on the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 — Letter dated 24 September 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/63/465	Item 118 — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Construction of additional conference facilities at the Vienna International Centre and construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, and improving and modernizing the conference facilities and construction of additional office facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
A/C.4/63/5/Add.29	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 18 September 2008, from Roberto Goiriz Ojeda to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/5/Add.46	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 22 September 2008 from E! aafia Hammaidi of the Association de défense des femmes sahraouies to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/63/L.2	Item 28 — International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space — Colombia: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
	Third Committee
A/C.3/63/L.2	Item 97 — Crime prevention and criminal justice — Preparations for the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]
	Fifth Committee
A/C.5/63/L.2	Item 122 — Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations — Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations — Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: requests under Article 19 of the Charter [A C E F R S]

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A/63/458–S/2008/621	Letter dated 24 September 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

A/63/380–S/2008/627	Identical letters dated 22 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/632	Letter dated 2 October 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/635	Note verbale dated 3 October 2008 from the Permanent Mission of Djibouti to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Documents

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Pre-session working group
Forty-third session

CEDAW/C/DMA/Q/7	List of issues and questions in the absence of initial and periodic reports — Dominica [A C E F R S]

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Security Council

10 a.m.	5991st meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, Sections A and B

   United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

10.45 a.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

UNOMIG (S/2008/631)[1]

Somalia Sanctions Committee

Other matters

[1] With a view to a formal meeting.

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

3 p.m.	Informal meeting (closed)	Conference Room 6

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m.	23rd plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed on the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [154]

   (a) Letter from the Secretary-General (A/63/458-S/2008/621)

   (b) Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/63/470)

2. Report of the Peacebuilding Commission (A/63/92-S/2008/417) [10]; Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund (A/63/218-S/2008/522) [101]: joint debate

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General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held *today*, Thursday, 9 October and *tomorrow*, 10 October 2008 from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The consultations will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway).

For further information, including background materials, please consult the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/>.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 5th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 81 to 96): *item 81* (A/63/97 and A/63/97/Add.1); *item 82*; *item 83* (A/63/62-S/2008/123); *item 84*; *item 85* (A/63/139); *item 86* (A/63/115 (Part I) and A/63/115 (Part I)/Add.1); *item 87*; *item 88*; *item 89* (A/63/73-S/2008/297, A/63/91, A/63/114, A/63/114/Add.1, A/63/116, A/63/117, A/63/117/Add.1, A/63/120, A/63/120/Add.1, A/63/122, A/63/126, A/63/134, A/63/135, A/63/136, A/63/136/Add.1, A/63/153, A/63/158, A/63/158/Add.1, A/63/170, A/63/170/Add.1, A/63/171, A/63/171/Add.1, A/63/176, A/63/182, A/63/261, A/63/334); *item 90* (A/63/129, A/63/157, A/63/162, A/63/163, A/63/164 and A/63/178); *item 91* (A/63/27 (Supp. 27), A/63/42 (Supp.42)*, A/63/177 and A/63/279); *item 92* (A/63/115 (Part II))[1]; *item 93*; *item 94* (A/63/138); *item 95* (A/63/124); and *item 96*

[Other documents: A/C.1/63/1, A/C.1/63/2 and A/C.1/63/INF/1]

[1] To be issued.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3-6 p.m. 5th meeting Conference Room 4

1. Hearings of petitioners (A/C.4/63/5/Add.23, A/C.4/63/5/Add.25, A/C.4/63/5/Add.28, A/C.4/63/5/Add.38, A/C.4/63/5/Add.40, A/C.4/63/5/Add.45, A/C.4/63/5/Add.48, A/C.4/63/5/Add.51, A/C.4/63/5/Add.53, A/C.4/63/5/Add.54, A/C.4/63/5/Add.57, A/C.4/63/5/Add.60, A/C.4/63/5/Add.61, A/C.4/63/5/Add.62, A/C.4/63/6 and A/C.4/63/6/Add.1)
2. General debate: Agenda items 33 to 37 *(continued)*

Third Committee

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 5th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice (A/63/87, A/63/89, A/63/90, A/63/99 and A/C.3/63/L.2) [97]
2. International drug control (A/63/111) [98]

Statement by the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, followed by question time

General discussion

3-6 p.m. 6th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice (A/63/87, A/63/89, A/63/90, A/63/99 and A/C.3/63/L.2) [97]
2. International drug control (A/63/111) [98]

Continuation of general discussion

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. 5th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [128]

Annual report (A/63/302 (Part 1), A/63/302 (Part 1)/Add.1 and A/63/302 (Part 1)/Add.2)

Introduction and general discussion

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [117]

Activities of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee for the period from 1 January to 31 July 2008 (A/63/328)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Roo

Informal consultations on agenda items 128 (Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/63/302 (Part 1), A/63/302 (Part 1)/Add.1 and A/63/30 (Part 1)/Add.2)); and 117 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financi functioning of the United Nations (A/63/328 Section III, Part A, B and C))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Roo

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Accountability framework and Results-based management (A/62/701, A/62/701/Corr.1, A/62/701/Add.1, A/61/805, A/62/704, A/63/268, A/63/457 and A/63/328 (Section III Part D)))

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 5th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Cham

Measures to eliminate international terrorism (A/63/37, A/63/89, A/63/123, A/63/173 A/63/173/Add.1 and A/63/281-S/2008/431) . . . . . |

Afternoon[1]–6 p.m. . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Cham

Informal consultations on agenda item 129 (Administration of Justice at the United Nations)

Working Group

3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Cham

Measures to eliminate international terrorism . . . . . |

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations urged to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (tel. 1 (212) 963- 5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963) if they wish to be inscribed on the list. Agenda item 73 (Criminal Accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission) will be discussed in plenary on Friday, 10 and Monday, 13 October. Agenda item 79 (The rule of law at the national and internatio levels) will be discussed on Monday, 13 and Tuesday, 14 October. Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; f 1 (212) 963-1963).]

[1] Following the adjournment of the meeting of the Working Group on Measures to eliminate international terrorism.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Executive session
2. Investigations
3. Executive session

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Informal briefing

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal briefing on UNICEF'S emergency response over the past six months *today*, 9 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Thursday, 9 October 2008

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Compliance with non-proliferation, arms limitation and disarmament agreements" (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of the United States)

9.15–10.15 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "International Cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing" (under agenda item 55 (c)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Malaysia)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects" (under agenda item 89 (z)) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Japan)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all" (under agenda item 55 (d)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mongolia)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Year of Chemistry" (under agenda item 51 (a)) (Second Committee) (convened by the delegation of Ethiopia)

3–4 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Other meetings

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Thursday, 9 October 2008

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (briefing on operational activities for development)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on the Committee on Information)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

2008 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Middle-income developing countries (organized by the Permanent Mission of Namibia)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) (on the upcoming Economic Community of West African States Ministerial Conference on Drug Trafficking as it Affects West Africa (Praia, Cape Verde, 28 to 29 October 2008))

3.15–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Other activities

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Thursday, 9 October 2008

DPI/NGO briefing entitled "Making mental health a global priority through advocacy and action" in observance of World Mental Health Day

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjold Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Albert Lee, NGO Sections, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-7709; e-mail section1d@un.org).]

Training seminar on the universal periodic review mechanism of the Human Rights Council (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber

[All Permanent Missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ann Syauta, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (tel. 1 (917) 367-3602; e-mail syauta@un.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Thursday, 9 October 2008

Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon . . . . Ms. Angela Kane, Under-Secretary-General for Management (on the management reform)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

The Committee will continue its substantive work, by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items until Tuesday, 14 October 2008.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers for the thematic segment of the Committee's work (14 to 27 October) are kindly requested to contact Mr. Renato Monteiro (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-4193; e-mail monteiror@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the First Committee and guidance provided by the Bureau, a time limit should be observed of 10 minutes for delegations speaking in their national capacity, and 15 minutes for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to the secretariat of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

Delegations to the First Committee (Disarmament and International Security) are strongly encouraged to submit draft resolutions and decisions by e-mail. The First Committee secretariat has set up a dedicated e-mail address for this purpose (1cdrafts@un.org). The deadline for submission is Thursday, 16 October, at 12 noon. The pre-formatted drafts and sponsors' lists can be downloaded from the QuickFirst web portal at <https://secln069.un.org/quickplace/quickfirst/Main.nsf> (see section "Pre-formatted draft resolutions/decisions"). Sponsors' lists should be submitted either as a scanned attachment at the time of e-mail submission of drafts or handed in a hard copy to the secretariat on the same or next business day. Unless submission of a draft is accompanied by the sponsors' list with signatures, the title page will contain only the name of the submitting delegation. Late submission of the sponsors' list may delay processing of the draft resolutions/decisions. Any questions regarding e-mail and web portal service should be addressed to Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail cherniavsky@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3051).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Requests for inscription on the list of speakers on agenda items allocated to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) should be sent to Mr. Martin Vrastiak (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail vrastiak@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Second Committee
Panel discussion

The Committee will hold a panel discussion on "Challenges and emerging issues in external debt restructuring in the context of the current financial crisis" on Friday, 10 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2, to discuss existing gaps in the restructuring of international debt, both commercial and official, and suggest possible ways to move forward.

The panellists will include: Ms. Geske Dijkstra, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, the Netherlands; Mr. Steven Kargman, Kargman Associates, New York, United States; Mr. Sony Kapoor, Executive Director of Re-DeFinE (Rethinking Development, Finance & Environment); and Ms. Stephany Griffith-Jones, Executive Director, Initiative for Policy Dialogue, Columbia University, New York, United States.

The panel discussion is organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media, are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Manuel Montes (tel. 1 (917) 367-3087).

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers on all agenda items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Requests for inscription should be sent to Ms. Nancy Beteta (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail beteta@un.org).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Mr. Moncef Khane, Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Maria Thompson (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; tel. 1 (917) 367-2603).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its informal consultations (closed) on Friday, 10 October 2008, at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on "Torture and other cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment" (under agenda item 64 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Denmark)

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 1 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Convention on the Prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of bacteriological (Biological) and toxin weapons and on their destruction" (under agenda item 96) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Hungary)

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 12.30 to 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing" (under agenda item 55 (c)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Malaysia)

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Supporting efforts to end obstetrics fistula" (under agenda item 60) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Senegal)

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The prevention of illicit brokering activities" (under agenda item 91) (First Committee) (convened by the delegations of Australia and the Republic of Korea)

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A; and

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms" (under agenda item 89 (g)) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Argentina)

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons" (under agenda item 89) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Ukraine)

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A;

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room A; and

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Reliable transit of energy and its role in ensuring stable economic development and international cooperation" (under agenda item 49) (Second Committee) (convened by the delegation of Turkmenistan)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 55 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards an arms trade treaty: establishing effective international control over the import, export and transfer of conventional arms" (under agenda item 90) (First Committee) (convened by the delegations of Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan, Kenya and the United Kingdom)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 4; and

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all" (under agenda item 55 (d)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mongolia)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on "Myanmar" (under agenda item 64 (c)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of France)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction (CWC)" (under agenda item 89 (k)) (convened by the delegation of Poland)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of Migrants" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Compliance with non-proliferation, arms limitation and disarmament agreements" (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of the United States)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions" (under agenda item 67 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms while countering Terrorism" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The situation in Afghanistan" (under agenda item 17) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Trafficking in women and girls" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" (under agenda item 64 (e)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on legal matters

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Friends of the International Criminal Court

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

International Criminal Court: Informal consultations on the Court's 2009 budget

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Forthcoming other activities

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Seminar on "The Arms Trade Treaty" (organized by the Permanent Mission of France)

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[For further information please contact Ms. Céline Laceres; or Ms. Assiba Azanney, Permanent Mission of France (e-mails Celine.Laceres@diplomatie.gouv.fr; or Assiba.Azanney@diplomatie.gouv.fr; tel. 1 (212) 702-4941).]

Training seminar on the universal periodic review mechanism of the Human Rights Council (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All Permanent Missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ann Syauta, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (tel. 1 (917) 367-3602; e-mail syauta@un.org).]

Briefing on development cooperation with middle-income countries (organized by the Permanent Missions of Belarus, Egypt, El Salvador, Indonesia and Namibia)

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend.]

Briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (on the Secretary-General's Report on the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF))

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All Permanent and Observer Missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Corazon dela Pena, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-9682; e-mail penac@un.org).]

Introduction of two reports of the Secretary-General entitled: "The New Partnership for Africa's Development: sixth consolidated report on progress in implementation and international support" (A/63/206); and "Implementation of the recommendations contained in the Report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa" (A/63/212) (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA))

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[For further information please contact Mr. Mehdi Hamam, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 963-2645; e-mail hamamm@un.org); or Ms. Cheryl Larsen, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 963-8401; e-mail larsenc@un.org).]

Presentation of a report entitled "Abolishing nuclear weapons", by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) (sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All Permanent Missions are invited to attend. For further information please contact Mr. Paul Shrubsole, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom (email paul.shrubsole@fco.gov.uk).]

Forthcoming meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
Fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

The fourth session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will take place from 20 to 24 October 2008, in Conference Room XIX at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Delegations are kindly requested to submit the names of observers to the Financing for Development Office, DESA (fax 1 (212) 963-0443; e-mail taxffdoffice@un.org). For further information, please contact Mr. Michael Lennard (tel. 1 (917) 367-5734; e-mail lennard@un.org); or Mr. Masa Ohyama (tel. 1 (212) 963-4695; e-mail ohyama@un.org).

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework
United Nations Office at Vienna

The Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework will meet in Vienna from Monday, 10 to Friday, 14 November 2008. In order to facilitate the issuance of identification badges by the United Nations Office at Vienna, Member States are requested to communicate the composition of their Delegations to the secretariat of the Forum (fax 1 (917) 367-3186; room DC1-1245; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401 and 1 (212) 963-3160). For further information, please visit the UNFF Web site at <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Announcements

Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November – 2 December 2008)

Delegations, United Nations entities, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the business sector are reminded that in view of the proximity of the Conference and the limited availability of facilities, a deadline to submit proposals for side events to be held during the Conference is set for Wednesday, 15 October 2008. All requests should be submitted to the attention of Ms. Stefania Piffanelli (e-mail piffanelli@un.org).

Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site: <www.un.org/disarmament>. For further information, please e-mail UNODA-web@un.org.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Proposed dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee

The dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (Administration of justice at the United Nations; Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission; and Measures to eliminate international terrorism), as proposed by the incoming Bureau, are now available on the Web site of the Sixth Committee <www.un.org/law/cod/sixth/>.

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and

participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 8 October 2008

Security Council

5989th meeting (closed) *Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B*

United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 8 October 2008, the Security Council, pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex sections A and B, held its 5989th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti.

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Hédi Annabi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti.

"Members of the Council, Mr. Annabi and representatives of participating troop-contributing countries had an exchange of views."

5990th meeting *The question concerning Haiti*

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (S/2008/586)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Haiti, at h request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Hédi Annabi, Special Representative o the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Annabi.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

22th plenary meeting *Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on whether the unilateral declaration of independence of Kosovo is in accordance with international law (A/63/L.2)* . . . . . [

H.E. Mr. Vuk Jeremić, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Serbia, made a statement, in th course of which he introduced draft resolution A/63/L.2.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Albania, Turkey the United States and Mexico.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement on programme budget implications of draft resolution A/63/L.2.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Romania, Slovakia, Panama, Egypt, Spain, Greece, France, Cyprus, Indonesia, Cuba, South Africa, the Comoros, Costa Rica, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Algeria.

By 77 votes to 6, with 74 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.2 (resolution 63/3).

The representative of Liberia made a statement on a point of order.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Canada, Peru, Germany, Argentina, Finland, Australia, Colombia, Denmark, Norway, Switzerland, El Salvador, Singapore and Iceland.

For a point of clarification, the Acting President drew the attention of the General Assembly to the list of countries under article 19 of the Charter contained in document A/63/350.

H.E. Mr. Vuk Jeremić, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Serbia, made a statement.

The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 71.

Main Committees

First Committee

4th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda items. Statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, New Zealand, the United States, Myanmar, Lebanon, the Dominican Republic, Norway, Qatar, Tunisia, Fiji, El Salvador and Egypt.

In the exercise of the right of reply, statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

4th meeting

Implementation of the declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples . . . . . [37]

Hearing of petitioners

Question of Western Sahara

On the basis of a decision taken at the 2nd meeting, the Committee heard statements by Mr. Txomin Aurrecoechea, Instituciones Solidarias con el Pueblo Saharaui a nivel del Estado Español (A/C.4/63/5/Add.18); Mr. Antonio López Ortiz, Federación Estatal de Instituciones Solidarias con el Pueblo Saharaui (A/C.4/63/5/Add.19); Ms. María López Belloso, Instituto Hegoa en cuestiones de Acción Humanitaria y Derecho Internacional (A/C.4/63/5/Add.20); Ms. Aranzazu Chacon Ormazabal, Asociación de Vitoria-Gasteiz (A/C.4/63/5/Add.21); Mr. Alberto Ruiz de Azua Solozabal, Euskal Fondoa (A/C.4/63/5/Add.22); Mr. Jason I. Poblete, Esq., Defense Forum Foundation (A/C.4/63/5/Add.56); Mr. José Manuel de la Fuente Serrano, Observatorio de Derechos Humanos del Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Badajoz (A/C.4/63/5/Add.24); and

Ms. Saâdani Maoulainine, Association de protection des droits de l'homme (A/C.4/63/5/Add.39).

The delegation of Cuba made a statement on a point of order.

The Committee heard statements by Ms. France Weyl, Association des Amis de la République Arabe Sahraouie Démocratique (A/C.4/63/5/Add.27); and Ms. Anna Maria Stame Cervone, Christian Democratic Women International (A/C.4/63/5/Add.49).

The delegation of Cuba made a statement on a point of order.

The Committee heard statements by Mr. Roberto Goiriz Ojeda (A/C.4/63/5/Add.29); Mr. Sydney S. Assor, Surrey Three Faiths Forum (A/C.4/63/5/Add.36); Mr. José M. Romero Gonzalez (A/C.4/63/5/Add.31); Mr. Ahmed Boukhari, Front Polisario (A/C.4/63/5/Add.33); Mr. Luciano Ardesi, Italian Association for Sahrawi People (A/C.4/63/5/Add.34); Ms. Mildred Thulin, Former MP of Sweden (A/C.4/63/5/Add.35); Ms. Tanya Warburg, Freedom For All (A/C.4/63/5/Add.30); Mr. Alouat Hamoudi, Western Saharan Student (A/C.4/63/5/Add.37); Mr. Alberto Cid, Senator, Uruguay (A/C.4/63/5/Add.26); Mr. Erik Jensen (A/C.4/63/5/Add.52); Mr. Carmelo Vidalín, City of Durazno, Uruguay (A/C.4/63/5/Add.41); Mr. Aymeric Chauprade, Sorbonne University (A/C.4/63/5/Add.42); Ms. Ennaba El Moussaoui, Association sahraouie pour l'unité et la réconciliation (A/C.4/63/5/Add.43); Mr. El Mami Boussif, Council of the region of Rio de Oro (A/C.4/63/5/Add.44); Ms. Marselha Goncalves-Margerin, Robert F. Kennedy Memorial (A/C.4/63/5/Add.55); Ms. El aafia Hammaidi, Association de défense des femmes sahraouies (A/C.4/63/5/Add.46); and Mr. Jorge Reinaldo A. Vanossi, Former Minister of Justice of Argentina (A/C.4/63/5/Add.47).

Second Committee

6th meeting

The Committee continued its general debate.

Statements were made by the representatives of Iraq, Tonga, Sri Lanka, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Mongolia, Malawi, San Marino, Maldives, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Nauru and Armenia.

The Committee thus concluded its general debate.

Organization of work

The Secretary made a statement.

Fifth Committee

4th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/63/L.2 which had been coordinated by the representative of Switzerland on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [117]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/62/701, A/62/701/Corr.1 and A/62/701/Add.1).

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced a report of that Office (A/63/268).

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit introduced a report of the Unit (A/61/805).

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the comments of the Secretary-General on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/62/704).

The Acting Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/63/457).

Statements were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union), Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Singapore, Switzerland, the United States, Costa Rica, the Russian Federation and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day, Wednesday, 8 October, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, in Conference Room 5 under the chairmanship of Ms. Barbara Kaudel (Austria).

Sixth Committee

2nd meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism . . . . . [99]

The Sixth Committee started its consideration of agenda item 99.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996 introduced the report of the Ad Hoc Committee (A/63/37).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation (on behalf of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization), Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Australia (on behalf of CANZ), Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Viet Nam (on behalf of the ASEAN), Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Kenya (on behalf of the African Group), France (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the EFTA country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Armenia, who aligned themselves with the statement), Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Lebanon (on behalf of the Arab Group), Liechtenstein, Switzerland, the Sudan, the United Arab Emirates, Bangladesh, Turkey, Nigeria, Algeria, Israel, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tunisia and Guatemala.

3rd meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism . . . . . [99]

The Sixth Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 99.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Colombia, India, Lesotho, Cuba, China, Yemen, Uganda, Belarus, Iceland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Korea, the Syrian Arab Republic, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Mozambique, Oman, Morocco, Egypt, Japan, Myanmar, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Singapore and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

General Assembly
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Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Central African Republic configuration

2nd meeting

The Chairman, H.E. Mr. Jan Grauls (Belgium), declared open the 2nd meeting of the Central African Republic configuration of the third session of the Peacebuilding Commission, and made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda . . . . . [1]

The Commission had before it the provisional agenda, as contained in document PBC/3/CAF/2.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Commission adopted the provisional agenda.

Peacebuilding in the Central African Republic . . . . . [2]

The Chairman made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Sylvain Maliko, Minister for Planning, Economy and International Cooperation for the Central African Republic, made a presentation to the configuration.

Mr. Francois Fall, Special Representative of the Secretary-General in the Central African Republic, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Gabon and Egypt, as well as by the representatives of the European Community and the World Bank.

The Chairman made a statement in his capacity as Permanent Representative of Belgium.

The Assistant Secretary-General for the Peacebuilding Support made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Sylvain Maliko and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General responded to questions raised.

Other matters . . . . . [3]

The Chairman made a statement and closed the meeting.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone. Gothenburg (Sweden), 30 November 1999

Ratification: Croatia (7 October 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
H.E. Mr. Zachary Muburi-Muita

Asian States:
Indonesia
H.E. R.M. Marty Natalegawa

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mrs. Simona Mirela Miculescu

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Brazil
H.E. Mrs. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti

Western European and other States:
Ireland
H.E. Mr. John Paul Kavanagh

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A/63/322	Item 67 (c) of the provisional agenda — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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A/63/369	Items 117 and 128 — Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations — Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services — Information requested in paragraph 17 of General Assembly resolution 62/247 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/470	Item 154 — Judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 — Letter dated 29 September 2008 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
	Committee on Conferences
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S/Agenda/5987	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5988	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1838 (2008)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 5987th meeting, on 7 October 2008 [A C E F R S]

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	Peacebuilding Commission **Third session** **Central African Republic configuration**
PBC/3/CAF/2	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

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	Substantive session of 2008 **Coordination segment**
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